

Government of the District of Columbia
Department of Transportation



Bladensburg Road Multimodal Safety and Access Study
Meeting Minutes

Interagency Advisory Committee - Meeting # 2

Meeting Date: May 24, 2022

Microsoft Teams

1. Call to Order

Karyn McAlister called the second Meeting of the Interagency Advisory Council (IAC) to order at 10:00 a.m. The meeting convened via Microsoft Teams due to the social distancing requirements mandated by COVID-19.

2. Welcome

Karyn McAlister welcomed all participants to the meeting and noted that this meeting would focus on the presentation for Public Meeting #1 on June 2, 2022 followed by new attendee introductions. New attendees:

- Seth Garland, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA)
- Catherine Jones, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA)
- Michael Weil, National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC)
- Mark Scott, Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency (HSEMA)

(List of full meeting attendees included at the end of the meeting minutes)

3. Public Meeting #1 Draft Presentation Review

Karyn McAlister presented the meeting slide deck to the IAC.

4. IAC member draft presentation comments and discussion points:

- a. Michael Weil, NCPC noted that Bladensburg Road may be a part of the Great Streets program. Sean Moore said the southern end of the corridor was a designated Main Street but wasn't sure about Great Streets. Will confirm and add to the presentation.

- b. James Dunbar, DOEE – Highlighted problems with urban flooding in the area. He will condense information and send to Karyn McAlister for potential inclusion going forward.
- c. Christine Mayeur, DDOT - Shared a Vision Zero visualization for cone of vision and noted that we don't need to include standard stuff like high viz crosswalks. Also discussed left turn hardening. DDOT uses just the humps and not the posts.
<https://www.iihs.org/news/detail/simple-infrastructure-changes-make-left-turns-safer-for-pedestrians> and shared link to TRB paper:
<https://trid.trb.org/view/1697089>
- d. Brian McDermott, DC Water - Asked if anything was needed from DC Water and highlighted the need for coordination with the 8 and 30 inch water lines. Will provide additional information.
- e. Captain Moore, MPD – Major concern for future construction was maintaining access to 5D HQ station during construction from T Street. Karyn McAlister noted that any construction was at least five years out and access will be maintained.
- f. James Hamre, WMATA - WMATA garage is under construction and inquired about any curbside changes for consideration. Karyn McAlister indicated that it appears that the sidewalk in that area is being widened as part of that project.

5. **Draft Safety Treatments – Preference Survey Review**

Matthew Ridgway presented the Preference Study Review slides.

- 6. IAC member preference survey comments and discussion points:
 - a. Derek Voight, DDOT - No Right Turn on Red information - see May ITE Journal
 - b. Laura MacNeil, DDOT - Use concrete median nose if that is the materials were going to use.
 - c. Stephen Hanrahan, DDOT - Group safety treatments into larger, simplified categories so people understand what the safety improvements are and can vote fully informed.
 - d. Yohannes Bennehoff, DDOT:
 - i. Group TSP with queue jumps or replace both with bus bulb out/inroad boardings with quantitative metrics about how this improves delivery; use bus speed stats if available.
 - ii. For the LPI image, try and get an image of the pedestrian crossing when the traffic light is red.
 - iii. West Virginia for bike lane images.
 - iv. Use a different lighting photo, less art more practical.
 - e. Yi Zhao, DDOT - APS isn't standard yet; need to prioritize locations for installation in the future.
 - f. Rita AbouSamra, OP - Use photos with people.

- g. Mayeur, Christine (DDOT) - Don't force pedestrians to push a button to receive a ped signal. It was noted that there are not a lot of "beg buttons": in the District.

7. Adjournment

Karyn McAlister thanked the meeting attendees and invited them to attend Public Meeting #1. The May 24, 2022 IAC meeting was adjourned at 11:03 a.m. by Karyn McAlister.

8. Chat Log Below:

Mayeur, Christine (DDOT) -

<https://dcgis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/InformationLookup/index.html?appid=77167e5109b644c9bb903706595c9255>

High Viz crosswalks are standard, so would be expected regardless. I don't think we need to call them out as a specific treatment.

Bennehoff, Yohannes (DDOT) - Different lighting photo, less art and more; Different lighting photo, less art and more practical.

AbouSamra, Rita (OP) - We may want more pictures with people? Since the objective is to make this more pedestrian friendly. Still feels highly vehicular to me.

MacNeil, Laura (DDOT) - Please don't force pedestrians to push a button to receive a ped light.

Mayeur, Christine (DDOT) - We don't have a lot of beg buttons in the city, we can find a different image to illustrate LPI.

Mayeur, Christine (DDOT) - IIHS has a study from DC, I'll find the link for Left turn traffic calming.

Bennehoff, Yohannes (DDOT) - West Virginia Ave? for bike lane.

I would suggest bus-bulbout/in-lane boardin.

<https://www.iihs.org/news/detail/simple-infrastructure-changes-make-left-turns-safer-for-pedestrians> and here's the TRB paper: <https://trid.trb.org/view/1697089>

Centerline hardening can dramatically reduce close calls between vehicles and pedestrians.

MacNeil, Laura (DDOT) - Is this project incorporating both temporary and permanent materials? I see those plastic LT hardening noses get destroyed quickly on much lower volume corridors.

MacNeil, Laura (DDOT) - We've changed the spec a bit too only use the humps and not the posts because of knock-down issues.

Hanrahan, Stephen (DDOT) - Could some of the safety treatments be grouped into larger categories? Hesitant if the average person may not understand some of the terminology and that may affect the values they give it.

Hamre, James R. - Since the WMATA Bladensburg Garage is presently under construction, are there any curbside changes along the site perimeter that you would want considered now?

Brian T. McDermott - I have to leave for another meeting - did you cover construction start time? I thought were at almost 100% plans.

McAlister, Karyn (DDOT) - Construction is at least 5 years out.

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